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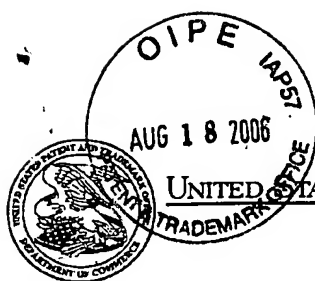
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## Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

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Drain valve insert

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Drain Valve Insert

(Title of the Invention)

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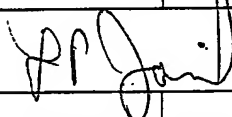
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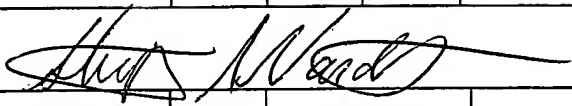
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